

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 35-40 and 43-59 remain in this application. Claims 1-34 and 41-42 have been cancelled. Claims 43-59 are new.

Claims 35, 37 and 40 have been amended to correct obvious typographic errors.

New claims 43-54 further define the claimed oligomer or polymer of claim 35. New claims 43-49 and 52 find basis in claims 2, 3 and 5-10 as filed. New claims 50, 51, 53 and 54 find support in pages 4 and 7 of the specification as originally filed.

New claims 55-59 correspond to original claims 1, 4, 11, 12 and 13, respectively, but have been recast to depend from claim 35, directed to an oligomer or polymer.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Concerning the Requirement for Restriction

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants respectfully elect Group III (claims 35-40). New claims 43-54 further define the oligomer or polymer of a saccharide of Group III and should therefore be examined with the original claims of Group III.

In accordance with this election, the claims of Groups I, II and IV have been cancelled without prejudice.

As mentioned above, new claims 55-59 correspond to original Group I claims 1, 4, 11, 12 and 13, respectively, but have been recast to depend from Group III claim 35, directed to an oligomer or polymer. As these new claims are dependent upon claim 35, they incorporate all of the features of claim 35. Hence, Applicants submit that the search and examination of new claims 55-59 can be made without serious burden and therefore respectfully request rejoinder of these claims with Group III.

Concerning the Election of Species

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants make the following elections:

Election I:

Applicants elect a linker of formula $ACH_2CH_2(CH_2)_{n-1}CH_2B^-$, where A is Si , n is 3 and B is O.

Claims 55-59 read on this species.

Election II:

Applicants elect "cyclodextrin" as the oligomer or polymer of glucose.

Claims 35-40, 43-44 and 48-59 read on this species.

Election III:

Applicants elect a carbamate group as the functional group.

Claims 35-40 and 43-59 read on this species.

Election IV:

Applicants elect silica gel as the support.

Claims 55-59 read on this species.

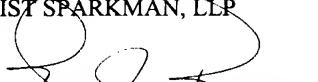
Election V:

Applicants elect an electrophilic moiety which is a silyl moiety of the formula $R^{13}R^{12}R^{11}SiCH_2CH_2(CH_2)_n$ -wherein each of R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is an alkoxy group of up to 6 carbon atoms.

Claims 35-37 and 43-59 read on this species.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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